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SUBJECT: GSP: CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM HKG.
"...THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A HONG KONG EXPORTER THAT A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN, FORM A NO. 357449 ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN RESPECT OF A CONSIGNMENT OF GOLD AND CHROMIUM PLATED FRAMES HAD BEEN REJECTED BY THE CALIFORNIAN CUSTOMS. A COPY OF THE FORM A IN QUESTION IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR REFERENCE. THE REASON FOR THE REJECTION WAS THAT THE DECLARATION ON THE CERTIFICATE, NAMELY THAT THE COST OF DOMESTIC MATERIALS PLUS THE DIRECT COST OF PROCESSING EQUALS TO '35 PERCENT OF THE EX-FACTORY PRICE OF THE ARTICLE' WAS CONSIDERED WRONG. THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE INSISTED THAT THE PROPER DECLARATION SHOULD BE THAT THE SUM OF THE COST OR VALUE OF LOCAL MATERIALS PLUS THE DIRECT COST OF PROCESSING EQUALS TO '35 PERCENT OF THE FINAL APPRAISED VALUE OF THE ARTICLE'.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, I SHOULD LIKE TO REFER YOU TO THE ADDENDUM INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF UNCTAD CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, FORM A ENCLOSED WITH YOUR LETTER OF 7 MAY 1976 WHICH STATES THAT FOR SINGLE COUNTRY SHIPMENTS, (Y' SHOULD BE INSERTED IN BOX 8 OF THE CERTIFICATE, FOLLOWED BY 'THE SUM OF THE COST OR VALUE OF THE MATERIALS AND THE DIRECT COST OF PROCESSING EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE EX-FACTORY PRICE OF THE XPORTED GOODS'. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS FORM OF CERTIFICATION AND SO FAR HAVE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IN OTHER US PORTS.
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3. YOU HAVE KINDLY AGREED TO TELEX THE US CUSTOMS ON OUR BEHALF FOR CLARIFICATION. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM US OF THE OUTCOME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE."

4. FORM A SHOWS CONSIGNOR: INTERNATIONAL OPTICAL MFG. CO., LTD. I.O.M. BUILDING, 31 TAI YAU STREET, 3-7 FL., SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON, HONG KONG. CONSIGNEE: M/S HOYA LENS OF AMERICA, INC., 970 KNOX STREET, TORRANCE, CALIF. 90502. MEANS OF TRANSPORT: BY AIR FREIGHT ON OR ABOUT 6TH JULY, 1976 FROM HONG KONG TO CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

5. WE SUSPECT THIS MAY BE ANOTHER CASE OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE APPRAISED VALUE AND THE EX-FACTORY PRICE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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